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1. IN ADDITION TO THE G-19 LIST OF TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION
IN THE INDIVIDUAL COMMISSIONS WHICH WE HAVE REPORTED IN
REFTEL, WE HAVE PICKED UP INITIAL COMMENTS ABOUT THE G-19
CAUCUS FROM TWO OF THE PARTICIPANTS, FROM CANADIAN PERM-
REP MACLEAN, AND FROM THE PRESS.

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2. DESPITE OBVIOUS DIFFICULTIES OF MEETING AS EVIDENCED

BY ITS UNEXPECTED LENGTH AND THE END-PRODUCT WHICH WAS OBVIOUSLY COLLECTION OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY POSITIONS, OUR FEW SOURCES WERE AT PAINS TO DOWNPLAY DIFFERENCES AMONG NINETEEN AND TO LAUD GENERALLY HIGH QUALITY REPRESENTATION AND MODERATION ON THE PART OF ALL PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING THE ALGERIANS. REPORTEDLY PEREZ-GUERRERO MADE EFFECTIVE CHAIRMAN. THE CO-CHAIRMEN COUNTRIES TOOK THE LEAD IN ELABORATING THE TOPICS FOR THEIR INDIVIDUAL COMMISSIONS. CONSPICUOUS PERFORMERS WERE COMMISSION CO-CHAIRMEN DESIGNATES: TAJER OF SAUDI ARABIA, SHALAL (ALGERIAN REP TO THE EC) AND YAGANEH (IRANIAN CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR). IT WAS NOT YET CLEAR WHO THE PERUVIANS WOULD PUT FORWARD AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE RAW MATERIALS COMMISSION. NEVERTHELESS OUR SOURCES ADMITTED SOME DIFFERENCES WERE DEMONSTRATED DURING THE CONFERENCE, NOT ONLY AS BETWEEN THE OIL PRODUCERS AND OTHER LDCS, BUT ALSO BETWEEN OPEC MEMBERS IN DIFFERENT POSITIONS RE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS CONSTRAINTS.

3. DURING THE CONFERENCE, ONE SOURCE EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR PROBLEMS THE NINETEEN WITH SUCH DIVERSE INTERESTS WILL FACE DURING DIALOGUE IN COORDINATING VIEWS, ARRIVING AT COMMON POSITIONS, AND KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH GROUP OF 77. IN WHAT MAY HAVE BEEN RESULT OF ATTEMPT TO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM, PEREZ-GUERRERO TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE (ACCORDING TO AFP) THAT A SECRETARIAT COMPOSED OF EXPERTS AND OFFICIALS WOULD BE SET UP IN PARIS TO ASSIST THE NINETEEN. FURTHERMORE, THE G-19 WILL MEET AGAIN ON FEB. 9 AND 10 TO COORDINATE VIEWS BEFORE THE COMMISSIONS STARTED MEETING. HE ADDED THAT THE NINETEEN WOULD STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE GROUP OF 77 THROUGHOUT THE CIEC NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT HE HIMSELF PLANNED TO GO TO MANILA AT THE END OF THE MONTH TO INFORM THE 77 OF THE RESULTS OF THE JAN. 26 SESSION.

4. ON INDEXATION, P-G TOLD THE PRESS THAT THIS IDEA HAD BEEN PUT FORWARD AS ONE MEANS AMONG OTHERS TO PROTECT THE PURCHASING POWER OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND YAGANEH IS REPORTED BY THE PRESS AS SAYING THAT PRESERVATUIB OF PURCHASING POWER WAS THE LDC'S PRIORITY AIM.
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5. RE SCHEDULE FOR COMMISSIONS, A PARTICIPANT AT CAUCUS TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER THAT WHILE DISAGREEMENTS WERE AIRED ABOUT LENGTH AND TIMING FOR COMMISSION MEETINGS, A MAJORITY VIEW TENDED TO COALESCE AROUND A P-G POSITION. THAT IS, THAT COMMISSIONS SHOULD MEET SIMULTANEOUSLY, AND THAT SCHEDULE FOR FIRST SIX MONTHS WOULD HAVE THREE SESSIONS (FEB. 11 TO MARCH 6; MARCH 21 TO APRIL 12; AND TWO AND

ONE-HALF OR THREE WEEKS IN JUNE). WE UNDERSTAND P-G WILL PRESENT THIS TO CANADIANS.

6. LDC PARTICIPANT TOLD EMBOFF THAT G-19 DID NOT GIVE P-G AND OTHER CO-CHAIRMEN AUTHORITY TO CHANGE G-19 LIST DURING JAN. 26 SESSION. THERE IS WIDESPREAD EXPECTATION AMONG NINETEEN THAT EIGHT WILL ALSO PRODUCE LIST. SHOULD THIS BE FORTHCOMING BEFORE JAN. 26, THE TWO LISTS COULD BE COORDINATED, IF POSSIBLE. BUT ANY SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES IN G-19 LIST WOULD HAVE TO BE REFERRED BACK TO FULL G-19. IN SHORT, G-19 LIST IS TO GO TO COMMISSIONS IN SUBSTANTIALLY ITS PRESENT FORM. MAJORITY OF NINETEEN OF COURSE UNDERSTAND THAT JAN. 26 SESSION WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO WRITE MANDATES FOR COMMISSION.

7. MACLEAN WILL BE FORMALLY BRIEFING EIGHT ON JAN. 16, AND WE WILL REPORT ANY ADDITIONAL INSIGHTS OR INFORMATION.
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